



How to start making your family tree:

There are family tree websites you can use or pay for e.g. ancestry, findmypast that add names as you find them to a tree. The tree is really just a database that stores all the information in an easy to read format. You can probably start your tree within the free part of ancestry. Some free ones you can use to store your information are:

myheritage.com, family tree builder and my family tree.

Some useful websites

www.slwa.wa.gov.au

Go to *what's on* then *family history* for free courses. The state libraries in other states are also a good source of information.

The National library of Australia (nla.gov.au) is a great source of information. Go to the family history section at:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/family-history/genealogy-selected-websites>

Try searching for relatives at www.findmypast.com.au

The website www.familysearch.org has really interesting videos and learning resources including a wiki that people contribute to and where they share information. It has free online courses and a discussion forum. Click LEARN at the top of the homepage. The familysearch.org site is from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (aka LDS) or Mormons. You can also go to lds.org and search family history for more information and videos.

Why Do Mormons Research Their Ancestors?

They place great emphasis on genealogical research because their Church doctrine states that "saving ordinances" (including baptism, confirmation, endowment, and sealing-marriage) must be made available to every individual who has ever lived so they identify their ancestors and arrange for baptism and other ordinances to be performed for them by proxy—that is, with a living person standing in for the deceased person—in a temple. Often referred to as temple work, this search for ancestors is an important part of the Mormon faith.

A good Australian website is: <http://www.searchwhateveraustralia.com.au/> which has links to censuses, passenger ships, cemeteries and lots more.

For UK and Irish ancestors try www.genuki.org.uk

Parish records are available within websites such as ancestry but you can also access them online:

www.parishregister.co.uk

Another great source of information are the Census records. You can access these via NLA for Australia and at

www.ukcensusonline.com for the UK.

Or go to the National Archives website in the UK <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/census-records.htm>



For beginners

State Library of South Australia – <http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au>

Genuki – <http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

National Archives of United Kingdom <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/quick-animated-guides.htm>

Ancestry ancestral chart – <http://www.ancestry.com.au/trees/charts/ancchart.aspx>

Ancestry family group sheet – <http://www.ancestry.com.au/trees/charts/familysheet.aspx>

Births, deaths and marriages

South Australian indexes – <http://www.genealogysa.org.au/>

New South Wales indexes – <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/searchHistoricalRecords.htm>

Queensland indexes – <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/justice-services/births-deaths-and-marriages/family-history-research>

Colonial Tasmanian Family Links – <http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=8>

Victorian indexes – <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/bdm/index-search?action=getHistIdxSearchCriteria>

Western Australia – http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/F/family_history.aspx?uid=8948-7352-6630-2234

Western Australia reverse marriage index – <http://www.wamarriage.info/>

Cemeteries

Australian Cemeteries – <http://www.australiancemeteries.com/>

Interment net – <http://www.interment.net/aus/index.htm>

Centennial Park South Australia – <http://www.centennialpark.org>

Adelaide Cemeteries Authority – <http://www.aca.sa.gov.au>

Metropolitan Cemeteries Board Western Australia – <http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au/Index.aspx>

Canberra's Public Cemeteries – <http://www.canberracemeteries.com.au>

New South Wales cemetery inscriptions – www.familysearch.org

Queensland cemetery records 1802– 1990 – www.familysearch.org

Military

National Archives of Australia – <http://www.naa.gov.au/>

Australian War Memorial – <http://www.awm.gov.au/>

SA Memory – <http://www.samemory.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1027>

Australian Light Horse Association – <http://www.lighthorse.org.au/>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission – <http://www.cwgc.org/>

Defence Honours and Awards – <http://www.defence.gov.au/MEDALS>

Convict transportation registers database – <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history/info-guides/convicts>

Victorian government gazette online archive – <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/>

Western Australian post office directories – http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/guides/wa_history/post_office_directories

Public Record Office of Victoria – <http://prov.vic.gov.au/>

State Records of New South Wales – <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>

Picture Australia – <http://trove.nla.gov.au/picture>

Family history South Australia – <http://www.familyhistorysa.info/>

Cora Web: Websites for genealogists – <http://www.coraweb.com.au/>

Newspapers

National Library of Australia Trove – <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

Ryerson Index – <http://www.ryersonindex.org/>

Papers Past (New Zealand) – <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

Cyndi's list – <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Free BMD (England & Wales) – <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>

Scotland's people – <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Pay Sites

Ancestry.com.au – www.ancestry.com.au

Find My Past Australia – www.findmypast.com.au

Find My Past (UK) – www.findmypast.co.uk

Find My Past Ireland – www.findmypast.ie

The Genealogist.co.uk – <http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

Genes Reunited – <http://www.genesreunited.co.uk>

National Archive (England) – <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/default.htm>